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**IN THE CLAIMS**

8. (Once Amended) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

imaging means for obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

means for determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and [for] searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means

reception means for receiving said acquired image information;

displaying means for displaying said received image [after performing a matching process using said obtained image].

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9. (Once Amended) An information retrieval method for  
retrieving information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base, said remote  
data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding  
location data, comprising the steps of:  
detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;  
obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval  
apparatus;  
transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;  
determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current  
position location of the information retrieval apparatus and [for] searching the limited portion of  
the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based  
on the obtained image from the imaging means;  
receiving said acquired image information;  
[checking means for] checking a match between said received image and said  
obtained image.

10. (Once Amended) An information retrieval method for retrieving  
information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base, said remote data base  
comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data,  
comprising the steps of:  
detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;  
obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval  
apparatus;

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transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and [for] searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image [from the imaging means];

receiving said acquired image information;

displaying a matching image after performance of a matching process using said obtained image [the comparing step].